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Secretary of State Unveils New Fraud Notification System for Business Filers

TOPEKA (January 7, 2015) – A new service was recently deployed by Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach that automatically sends an email notification to business owners informing them of any amendments related to their business entity registered with the Kansas Secretary of State. The service automatically generates the notification for any entity who filed their annual report electronically. Over 9,800 e-mails have gone out so far.

"This notification service represents an important step forward in reducing business identify theft by making sure key parties are kept informed about changes in business filings," said Secretary of State Kris Kobach. "In addition, businesses and their partners can now spend less time and effort monitoring changes, increasing both their efficiency and that of our office. I am proud of the work our staff has done in introducing yet another innovation in the business services we offer."

The Secretary of State's Business Services Division is charged by statute with processing a number of different business filings. The filings, which totaled over 170,000 last year, include those required to establish new business entities and the submission of annual reports. Over the course of their life, businesses operating across the state may find reason to amend these filings, often with significant consequences for the parties involved. The new service sends emails to the addresses associated with the filing, notifying them of the change.

This email notification system joins several other recently deployed applications targeted at making it easier to do business in Kansas, including the new Kansas Business Center (http://www.kansas/gov/businesscenter/) and a service that allows users to subscribe for free to receive notices of changes in Kansas Administrative Regulations (http://www.sos.ks.gov/pubs/pubs_kar_subscription.aspx), along with the capability to view and comment on proposed rules and regulations. For more information about the services provided by the Kansas Secretary of State, please visit our website at: http://www.sos.ks.gov.